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S. 1542

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July 2, 1956	House passed S. 1542 without amendment.
July 11, 1956	Approved: Public Law 681, 84th Cong.



## DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 681

ALLOWANCES FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC. Authorizes Federal agencies to pay from personal service or general administrative expense funds an allowance to each civilian officer or employee who is required to serve as a notary public in the performance of his official business.









84TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1542

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 1955

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## A BILL

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That civilian officers and employees of the departments and  
4 establishments of the Government who are required to serve  
5 as notaries public in connection with the performance of  
6 official business shall be paid an allowance to be established  
7 by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed  
8 the expense required to be incurred by them in order to  
9 obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

10 SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and estab-  
11 lishments of the Government for personal services or general

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## A BILL

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To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

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By Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina

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MARCH 24 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 1955

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

1 administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the  
2 purposes of this Act.

3 SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public  
4 Expense Act of 1955".







# Digest of CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

## OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
(For Department Staff Only)

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### HOUSE

1. APPROPRIATIONS. Commenced debate on H. R. 9739, the independent offices appropriation bill for 1957. Amendments tentatively adopted included an increase of \$5,386,030 for the FCDA disaster relief funds and a deletion of language authorizing eleven supergrade positions in GSA. pp. 3581, 3582
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3. DEFENSE PRODUCTION. Both Houses received from the Office of Defense Mobilization a draft of legislation "to extend the Defense Production Act of 1950"; to the Banking and Currency Committees. pp. 3488, 3618
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5. MONOPOLIES. The Judiciary Committee ordered reported with amendment H. R. 9424, to amend the Clayton Act by requiring prior notification of certain corporate mergers. p. D202

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6. FARM PROGRAM. Continued debate on S. 3183, the farm bill. pp. 3498, 3509, 3542  
Sens. Chavez (for himself and Sen. Kerr), Young (for himself and Sens. Mundt, Carlson, Barrett, and Curtis), Ellender, Barrett (for himself and several other Senators), Hickenlooper (for himself and several other Senators), and Holland submitted amendments intended to be proposed to the bill. p. 3497  
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7. FARM TAXES. Passed with Committee amendments H. R. 8780, to relieve farmers from excise taxes on gasoline and special fuels used on the farm. p. 3504
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12. FORESTRY. Sen. Humphrey inserted a letter received from a Rod and Gun Club favoring the preservation of the wilderness area of Superior National Forest. p. 3491
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14. PERSONNEL; PENALTY MAIL. Sen. Byrd submitted the report of the Jt. Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures on Federal employment and pay for the month of January, and inserted several tables and a statement concerning the report. p. 3492  
The Post Office and Civil Service Committee ordered reported without amendment the following bills:  
H. R. 5856, to repeal requirements for department heads to report to the Postmaster General the number of penalty envelopes and wrappers on hand at the close of the fiscal year;  
S. 3237, providing for continuation of life-insurance coverage under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954 in the case of employees receiving benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act;  
S. 3315, to amend section 5 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 regarding death benefits; and  
S. 1871, to amend the act to reimburse the Post Office Department for the transmission of official Government mail matter. D200  
The Committee ordered reported with amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public. D200







# Digest of CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

## OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
(For Department Staff Only)

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HIGHLIGHTS; Senate continued debate on farm bill. Rep. Laird criticized conference delay on school milk and brucellosis measure. Sen. Aiken and 18 other Senators introduced, and Sen. Aiken discussed, bill to improve and simplify credit facilities available to farmers. Sen. Long introduced and discussed bill to establish Federal-State Land Study Commission. Rep. Blitch introduced and discussed bill to provide food-fiber certificates for needy persons.

### SENATE

1. FARM PROGRAM. Continued debate on S. 3183, the farm bill. p. 4061

#### Agreed to the following amendments:

- By Sen. Carlson, to provide a two-price system for wheat, with domestic parity, by a vote of 54 to 39 (a motion to reconsider the amendment was tabled (pp. 4061-80).
- By Sen. Clements, to enlarge the commercial wheat area to include all States having allotments in excess of 190,000 acres instead of 240,000 acres, which restores Kentucky and Tennessee to the commercial area (pp. 4092-93).
- By Sen. Clements, to include dark air-cured, fire-cured, and Virginia sun-cured tobaccos in those types of tobacco eligible for participation under the acreage-reserve program (pp. 4093-94).
- By Sen. Butler, to include Maryland tobacco in the acreage reserve program (4094).
- By Sen. Clements, to remove the \$100 per acre limitation on tobacco acreage reserve payments (pp. 4094-95).
- By Sen. Bricker, to permit producers of Ohio cigar filler tobacco types 42, 43, and 44 to participate in the acreage reserve program (p. 4095).



By Sen. Williams, to prohibit the leasing of Government lands for the production of surplus agricultural commodities (other than livestock and livestock products) except on condemned lands, wildlife refuges, of flood-control reservoir lands (pp. 4095-97).

By Sen. Williams, to establish a ceiling of \$7,500 on the amount which may be paid to any one individual in any State for conservation reserve payments (p. 4097).

Rejected an amendment by Sen. Russell, to provide a two-price system for cotton, with domestic parity, by a vote of 33 to 57 (pp. 4080-92).

By unanimous consent, modified the debate limitation agreement on the farm bill so that more than 1 hour may be taken on any amendment or motion (except a motion to lay on the table). p. 4093

Sens. Smith, Schceppel, Humphrey, Clements, and O'Mahoney submitted amendments intended to be proposed to the bill. p. 4031

2. WHEAT. Sen. Young inserted a Chamber of Commerce resolution in support of the amendment to the farm bill providing for price supports of quality wheat at 90% of parity. p. 4016

3. FARM EQUIPMENT. Sen. Langer inserted a citizens resolution urging that Congress investigate the spread between lower labor costs and higher farm equipment prices. p. 4016

4. PERSONNEL; PENALTY MAIL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment the following bills: (p. 4017)

S. 1871, to amend the penalty mail law in several respects, including a provision to extend it to agricultural experiment stations (S. Rept. 1651).

H. R. 5856, to repeal the requirements for departments and agencies to report to the Postmaster General the number of penalty envelopes and wrappers on hand at the close of each fiscal year (S. Rept. 1659). In its report on the bill, the Post Office Department said it has "adequate alternate sources and methods to secure reliable information."

S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public (S. Rept. 1652).

5. MEAT INSPECTION. Sen. Smith inserted a proclamation by the Governor of New Jersey commemorating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal pure food and drug law. p. 4032

6. FARMERS' UNION. Several Senators discussed, with some criticizing and others defending, the record and activities of the Farmers' Union. p. 4037

7. STORAGE CHARGES. Sen. Humphrey discussed the amounts being paid by this Department for grain storage and handling and inserted two letters, including one from this Department, on the matter. p. 4100

#### HOUSE

8. SCHOOL MILK; BRUCELLOSIS ERADICATION. Rep. Laird urged immediate conference consideration of, and House agreement to, the Senate amendments to H. R. 8320, to increase funds available for the school milk and brucellosis eradication programs. p. 4109

9. TAXATION. The "Daily Digest" states that the Ways and Means Committee directed the Chairman to disagree to the Senate amendments to H. R. 8780, to provide

## PAYMENT OF EXPENSE OF NOTARY COMMISSIONS, ETC.

MARCH 13, 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1542]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1542) to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

#### AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments are as follows:

Page 1, lines 4 and 11, strike out "Government" and insert in lieu thereof "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

These amendments were suggested and approved in order that employees of the District of Columbia be treated in the same manner as other Federal employees.

S. 1542 would require the payment of an allowance to persons required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business. This allowance would not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining his commission. The notarial commissions are obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government and are for its convenience rather than that of the employee. Under such circumstances, Federal employees who are required to expend their own money to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

AGENCY VIEWS

Following are agency views in regard to S. 1542:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington 25, D. C., September 2, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: Reference is made to your requests of March 25, 1955, and August 26, 1955, for the views of this Bureau concerning S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

The bill would authorize departments and establishments of the Government to pay, from personal service or general administrative expense funds, an allowance to each civilian officer and employee who is required in the performance of his official business to serve as a notary public. Such allowance is not to exceed the expense required to obtain a commission as notary public from and after January 1, 1955.

The Bureau of the Budget believes that when an officer or employee is required to serve as a notary public in the performance of his official duties, the necessary expense of obtaining the commission as a notary public should be borne by the Government, and accordingly endorses the objective of the bill.

Sincerely yours,

PERCY RAPPAPORT,  
*Assistant Director.*

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,  
Washington, D. C., September 6, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: This is in reply to your letter of March 25, 1955, which requested the Commission's views on S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

S. 1542 would require the payment of an allowance to persons required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business. This allowance would not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining his commission. The Commission agrees with the purposes of S. 1542. The notarial commissions are obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government and are for its convenience rather than that of the employee. Under such circumstances, Federal employees who are required to expend their own money to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

Therefore, the Commission favors the enactment of S. 1542.

We are advised that the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

By direction of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP YOUNG, *Chairman.*

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES,  
Washington 4, D. C., November 15, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR JOHNSTON: The Commissioners have for report S. 1542, 84th Congress, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

At the present time, the government of the District of Columbia numbers among its employees approximately 115 persons who hold commissions as notaries public. Of these, 97 perform their notarial duties solely in connection with the performance of official business of the government of the District of Columbia.



These 97, like Federal Government employees whose notarial duties are confined to official business, are excused from the payment of the \$10 license fee for their commission, but they nevertheless are required to give bond, the premium for which is \$6, and to purchase their own notarial seal at a cost of approximately \$6.

The Commissioners recommend that S. 1542, which presently relates only to the officers and employees of the Federal Government, be amended in such manner as to be applicable to the officers and employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia.

Accordingly, the Commissioners recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, lines 4 and 11, strike "Government" and insert in lieu thereof, "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

The Commissioners have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection on the part of that office to submission of this report to the Congress.

Yours very sincerely,

SAMUEL SPENCER,  
*President, Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia.*







84TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1542

[Report No. 1652]

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 1955

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

MARCH 13, 1956

Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, with amendments

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in italic]

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## A BILL

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That civilian officers and employees of the departments and  
4       establishments of the ~~Government~~ *Federal Government and*  
5       *the municipal government of the District of Columbia* who  
6       are required to serve as notaries public in connection with  
7       the performance of official business shall be paid an allow-  
8       ance to be established by the department or establishment  
9       concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred  
10      by them in order to obtain their commission from and  
11      after January 1, 1955.

1        SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and estab-  
 2        lishments of the ~~Government~~ *Federal Government and the*  
 3        *municipal government of the District of Columbia* for per-  
 4        sonal services or general administrative expenses shall be  
 5        available to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6        SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public  
 7        Expense Act of 1955".

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84TH CONGRESS  
2d Session

**S. 1542**

[Report No. 1652]

## A BILL

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

By Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina

MARCH 24 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 1955

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Post  
Office and Civil Service

MARCH 13, 1956

Reported with amendments





March 19, 1956

Extension of remarks of Rep. Johnson, Wis., stating that "there are some people who believe that there are too many farmers in the United States, and that the solution to our farm problem is to bulldoze about a million small, family farmers off from the land," and inserting a newspaper editorial on the decline in farm income. p. A2455

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25. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nomination of Edgar Bernard Brossard to be a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission. p. 4429
26. TRANSPORTATION. Received the report of the Select Committee on Small Business on the competition, regulation, and public interest in the motor-carrier industry (S. Rept. 1693). p. 4431  
as reported
27. PERSONNEL. Passed/S. 3237, to provide for continuance of life insurance coverage under Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Act in the case of employees receiving benefits under Employees' Compensation Act. p. 4456  
as reported  
Passed/S. 5315, providing that title to benefits from the civil-service retirement and disability fund shall not arise from any separation unless the employee has, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the separation, completed at least 1 year of creditable service. p. 4456  
as reported
28. PENALTY MAIL. Passed/H. R. 5856, to strike out the second sentence of section 301 of the Penalty Mail Act of 1948, as amended, which requires the heads of departments and agencies to submit to the Postmaster General within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year a statement showing the number of penalty envelopes, labels, wrappers, and cards on hand at the close of such fiscal year. The Senate committee report states: "The requirements of this provision have imposed an unnecessary and costly burden on the agencies of the Government using penalty mail. Since enactment of Public Law 286, 83d Congress, requiring Government agencies to pay for all penalty mail, the reporting of unused penalty stock on hand serves no useful purpose. It has been estimated that elimination of the requirement will save about \$3,800,000 annually." p. 4458  
as reported  
Passed/S. 1871, which provides for inclusion, in the appropriations reimbursing the Post Office Department for the transmission of official Government mail matter, including mailings by the judicial and executive branches of the Government, with the exception of the mailings made by the Post Office Department, of registry fees on their mailings. p. 4457
29. NOTARIES PUBLIC. Passed ~~with amendments~~ <sup>As Reported</sup> S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public. p. 4458
30. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Passed over, at the request of Sen. Hruska, S. 3116, to provide for participation in international fairs and festivals, etc. p. 4459
31. FLOOD CONTROL. Passed as reported H. R. 5556, authorizing a preliminary examination and survey of McGirts Creek, Fla., for flood control. p. 4455
32. RECLAMATION. Passed with amendment H. R. 6268, to facilitate the construction of drainage works on Federal reclamation projects. p. 4459
33. FORESTRY. Passed as reported H. R. 4680, affirming that title of a tract of land in California vested in the State in January 1897. p. 4458



34. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. The "Daily Digest" states that on Tuesday, March 20, the Senate will begin consideration of S. J. Res. 31, proposed constitutional amendment respecting the election of President and Vice President. p. D253

BILLS INTRODUCED

35. FLOOD CONTROL. S. 3469, by Sen. Jackson, to increase and revise the authorization for small flood-control projects in section 205 of the Flood Control Act of June 30, 1948, as amended by section 212 of the Flood Control Act of May 17, 1950; and to extend such authorization to bank protection projects; to Public Works Committee. Remarks of author, p. 4431.
36. PERSONNEL. S. 3477, by Sen. Johnston, S. C., to provide for the procurement by the Government of insurance against risk to civilian personnel of liability for personal injury or death, or for property damage, arising from the operation of motor vehicles in the performance of official Government duties; to Post Office and Civil Service Committee.
37. RECLAMATION. H. R. 10024, by Rep. Berry, to permit the Secretary of the Interior to waive certain requirements of law with respect to joint liability under contracts entered into pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws; to Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.
38. LIVESTOCK. H. R. 10029, by Rep. Fernandez, "to amend section 317 (a) of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921;" to Agriculture Committee.
39. FORESTS. H. R. 10042, by Rep. Reuss, to amend section 1 of the act entitled "An act to authorize the cutting of timber, the manufacture and sale of lumber, and the preservation of the forests on the Menominee Indian Reservation in the State of Wisconsin," approved March 28, 1908, as amended; to Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.
40. NATURAL RESOURCES. H. R. 10044, by Rep. Reuss, to reduce the percentage depletion for natural resources; to Ways and Means Committee.
41. WATER RESEARCH. H. J. Res. 587, by Rep. Utt, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to establish and construct certain facilities at San Diego County, Calif., for the purpose of conducting research in methods of converting saline water to potable water; to Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

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COMMITTEE HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAR. 20:

Second Supplemental Appropriations for 1956, S. Appropriations (exec) (Morse, Clarkson, McArdle, Ritchie, and Scott to testify).  
Rural housing, S. Banking and Currency (McLeaish, Smith to testify).

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bership roll prepared for such purpose was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to segregate the fund on deposit in the Treasury of the United States titled "the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak." on the basis of a membership roll prepared for that purpose and approved by the Secretary. The segregated shares of adults, including interest accruals thereon, shall be subject to expenditure in accordance with plans prepared and submitted by such adults and approved by the Secretary. The segregated shares, including interest accruals thereon, of persons who are minors or non compos mentis shall be subject to expenditure in accordance with procedures approved by the Secretary. The Secretary may require any segregated share of a member to be used to pay a debt that is owed by such person to the Tribes or to the United States and that is due and payable.

#### CONVEYANCE TO LAKE COUNTY, CALIF., OF LOWER LAKE RANCHERIA

The bill (H. R. 585) to authorize the conveyance to Lake County, Calif., of the Lower Lake Rancheria, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the bill?

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, the bill provides for the conveyance to Lake County, Calif., of a part of the Lower Lake Rancheria. The purpose is the establishment of an airport. However, title to 41 acres of the approximately 140 acres is to be vested in Mr. Harry Johnson, the present occupant of the 41-acre tract; and the land is to be sold for its fair market value.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill (H. R. 585) was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### RELEASE BY THE UNITED STATES OF RIGHT AND INTEREST IN CERTAIN LAND IN SAGINAW COUNTY, MICH.

The bill (H. R. 622) to provide for the release by the United States of its right and interest in certain land located in Saginaw County, Mich., was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. McNAMARA. Mr. President, I do not have objection, but I should like to have an explanation of the bill.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, this bill releases any right that the United States may retain in 640 acres in Saginaw County, Mich., which rights inure to Saginaw County, stemming from some Indian treaties. The reason for the release is to remove any possible cloud on title which results from the discrepancy between the old deeds and the Indian treaties. There was no objection by the Department of the Interior. As a mat-

ter of fact, the Department recommends that the bill be passed, in order to remove possible clouds on title.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. McNAMARA. I have no objection, Mr. President.

There being no objection, the bill (H. R. 622) was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### EXECUTION OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST ON INDIAN TRUST OR RESTRICTED LAND

The bill (H. R. 4802) to authorize the execution of mortgages and deeds of trust on individual Indian trust or restricted land was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### ACQUIREMENT OF TRUST INTERESTS IN TRIBAL LANDS OF THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1528) to authorize enrolled members of the three affiliated tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., to acquire trust interest in the tribal lands of the reservation, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with an amendment on page 1, after the enacting clause, to strike out "That the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the Fort Berthold Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., is" and insert "That, notwithstanding the provisions of the constitution and charter of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the governing body of the tribes, is", so as to make the bill read:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of the constitution and charter of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the governing body of the tribes, is hereby authorized to dispose of tribal lands within the boundaries of such reservation to any enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. Title to any land conveyed under this act shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the individual Indian owner.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### INCREASED APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION FOR THE WOODROW WILSON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMISSION

The joint resolution (H. J. Res. 443) to increase the appropriation authorization for the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MAIL MATTER

The bill (S. 1871) to amend the act entitled "An act to reimburse the Post Office Department for the transmission of official Government mail matter," approved August 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 614), and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the act entitled "An act to reimburse the Post Office Department for the transmission of official Government-mail matter," approved August 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 614), is amended by the addition of sections 3 and 4 to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. There shall be paid to the Post Office Department, as postal revenue, out of the respective appropriations or funds available to the departments, agencies, establishments, Government corporations, and all other organizations and persons concerned, the equivalent amount of postage or registry fees, as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Postmaster General for matter sent in the mails without prepayment of postage, or without prepayment of registry fees, by the department, agency, establishment, Government corporation, organization, or person concerned, for which the Post Office Department otherwise does not receive compensation, under authority of the following laws:

"(1) Section 3932 of the Revised Statutes (39 U. S. C. 385);

"(2) That part of section 3 of the act entitled 'An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, and for other purposes,' approved July 5, 1884 (23 Stat. 158), as amended by section 2 of the act entitled 'An act authorizing the Postmaster General to establish a uniform system of registration of mail matter, and for other purposes,' approved May 1, 1928 (45 Stat. 469), and codified in section 321a of title 39, United States Code;

"(3) Section 10 of title 13, United States Code (sec. 1, ch. 1158, 68 Stat. 1012, 1014);

"(4) The first and second provisos of section 306 of title III of the act entitled 'An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes,' approved June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 1049; 39 U. S. C. 321n); and

"(5) Section 345 of the act entitled 'An act to revise the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, and nationality; and for other purposes,' approved June 27, 1952 (66 Stat. 266; 8 U. S. C. 1456).

"Such payments shall be regarded as a necessary expense of the respective appropriations and activities.

"Sec. 4. There shall be paid to the Post Office Department, as postal revenue, out of appropriations made therefor, to the Department of Agriculture, the equivalent amount of postage, as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Postmaster General for matter sent in the mails without prepayment of postage pursuant to the following laws:

"(1) Section 4 of the act entitled 'An act to establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with the colleges established in the several States under the provisions of an act approved July 2, 1862, and of the acts supplementary thereto,' approved March 2, 1887 (24 Stat. 441; 7 U. S. C. 365);

"(2) Section 3 of the act entitled 'An act to apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts established under the provisions of an act



of Congress approved July 2, 1862,' approved August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 418; 7 U. S. C. 325); and

"(3) The proviso in the third paragraph under 'General expenses, offices of experiment stations' in the act entitled 'An act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915,' approved June 30, 1914 (38 Stat. 438; 39 U. S. C. 330)."

SEC. 2. Section 15 of title 17, United States Code (sec. 1, ch. 391, 61 Stat. 652), is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 306 of title III of the act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 1049; 39 U. S. C. 321n), is hereby amended by (A) striking out the words "free of postage" wherever they appear therein, and by inserting in lieu thereof "as penalty mail"; and (B) by striking out all of the second sentence down to and including the words "Provided, That," in the first proviso.

SEC. 4. This act shall be effective July 1, 1955.

#### ALLOWANCE FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1542) to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public, which had been reported from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service with amendments on page 1, line 4, after the word "the", to strike out "Government" and insert "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia," and on page 2, line 2, after the word "the", to strike out "Government" and insert "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia", so as to make the bill read:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia who are required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be established by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia for personal services or general administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. This act may be cited as the "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955."

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 1161) to abolish the Fossil Cycad National Monument, South Dakota, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. HRUSKA. Over.

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. Mr. President, some question has arisen with regard to certain features of this bill, and I ask that it go over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

#### AFFIRMATION OF TITLE TO CERTAIN LAND IN CALIFORNIA

The bill (H. R. 4680) affirming that title to a certain tract of land in California vested in the State of California on January 21, 1897 was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24, LAKE COUNTY, OREG.

The bill (H. R. 6772) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain federally owned land under his jurisdiction to the school district No. 24 of Lake County, Oreg., was announced as next in order.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, I ask the author of the bill if it contains a provision for compensation. As the Senate knows, I have insisted since 1946 that Federal property belonging to all of the taxpayers of the Nation should not be given away. As a result of my persistence in this matter the Senate has come to apply, with only rare exceptions, the so-called Morse formula recommended by the old Naval Affairs Committee in 1946. Under this formula when Federal property is to be transferred to a State government, or a county or municipal governmental body or a school district or any other local governmental unit the Federal Government must receive payment of at least 50 percent of the appraised fair market value for the property if it is to be used for a local public use. Of course, it would not be fair of me to insist that the formula not be applied in my own State and, therefore, I have been as insistent that it be applied to Oregon as to every other State. The Morse formula has saved the taxpayers of the United States about \$500 million since 1946.

I certainly want school district No. 24 in Lake County, Oreg., to obtain the property involved in this bill and I am sure that the school district would want to comply with the Morse formula.

Mr. ERVIN. The bill provides that conveyance shall be made upon payment of the fair market value of the land, as determined by the Secretary.

Mr. MORSE. I have no objection. However, let me say for the record that, inasmuch as this is a bill involving my own State, I would object if it did not provide for compensation at a figure equal to at least half of the appraised fair market value of the property. Under the Morse formula, the Secretary could fix the price at half of the fair market value, but apparently in this case the committee believes that a fair market value would be just and reasonable.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

#### ABOLISHMENT OF CASTLE PINCKNEY NATIONAL MONUMENT, S. C.

The bill (H. R. 4391) to abolish the Castle Pinckney National Monument in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LANDS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

The bill (H. R. 5280) to authorize land exchanges for purposes of Colonial National Historical Park in the State of Virginia; to authorize the transfer of certain lands of Colonial National Historical Park, in the State of Virginia, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes was announced as next in order.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the bill? I am satisfied that it meets the compensation requirement.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Mr. President, I am interested in the bill, because the national park is in Virginia. The Government owns more than 9,000 acres. Within that boundary are about 90 acres of privately owned land which the Government very much needs. There is more than 100 acres on the perimeter which the Government does not need. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate land transfers. There is to be an appraisal of value, and if there is any difference in value, the difference will have to be paid in cash. It is all on a strictly cash basis, and very much to the interest of the Government.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### RECONVEYANCE OF OIL AND GAS AND MINERAL INTERESTS IN CERTAIN LANDS TO FORMER OWNERS

The bill (H. R. 7097) to provide for the reconveyance of oil and gas and mineral interests in a portion of the lands acquired for the Demopolis Lock and Dam project, to the former owners thereof, and for other purposes was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING PENALTY ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS ON HAND TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

The bill (H. R. 5856) to repeal the requirement for the heads of departments and agencies to report to the Postmaster General the number of penalty envelopes and wrappers on hand at the close of each fiscal year was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.







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# S. 1542

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1956

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## AN ACT

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That civilian officers and employees of the departments and  
4 establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal  
5 government of the District of Columbia who are required  
6 to serve as notaries public in connection with the perform-  
7 ance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be  
8 established by the department or establishment concerned  
9 not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them  
10 in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1,  
11 1955.

1        SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and estab-  
2        lishments of the Federal Government and the municipal gov-  
3        ernment of the District of Columbia for personal services or  
4        general administrative expenses shall be available to carry  
5        out the purposes of this Act.

6        SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public  
7        Expense Act of 1955".

Passed the Senate March 19, 1956.

Attest:

FELTON M. JOHNSTON,

*Secretary.*

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## AN ACT

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# Digest of CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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HIGHLIGHTS: House committee ordered reported bills to decrease review period for watershed projects; continue ACP; release certain Tongass Forest receipts from escrow; extend school milk program to certain institutions; authorize land purchase in Cache National Forest; permit certain cotton futures purchasing; approve Middle Atlantic Forest fire protection compact; prescribe the civil penalties for violations of Federal Seed Act; and permit certain USDA-State-local employees exchanges. House committee ordered reported fisheries bill. House committee ordered reported bill to provide for reimbursement to Post Office of registration fees on Government mail. Conferees agreed to file conference report on roads bill. Senate confirmed nomination of Hamil as REA Administrator.

## HOUSE

1. THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ordered reported the following bills: p. D662
  - H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days.
  - H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga.
  - H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children, whether or not under-privileged.
  - H. R. 609, to extend the provisions of the Federal Import Milk Act to Alaska.
  - H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959.
  - H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska.
  - H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah.
  - H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases.
  - H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain USDA lands to Corbin, Ky.

S. 3032, to approve the proposed Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

S. 2517, to release from escrow certain timber sale receipts in the Tongass National Forest.

S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act.

S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions.

2. FISHERIES. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee ordered reported H. R. 11570, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fisheries and wildlife and create and establish in the Interior Department, the office of Undersecretary of Fisheries and Wildlife. p. D663
3. POSTAL SERVICE. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee ordered reported S. 1871, to provide for the reimbursement to the Post Office Department of fees for registration of Government mail. p. D664
4. ROADS. The conferees agreed to file a conference report on H. R. 10660, the road construction and revenue bill. p. D665
5. PUBLIC DEBT. Passed without amendment H. R. 11740, to increase the public debt limit by \$3 billion for the fiscal year 1957. p. 9716
6. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME. The D. C. Committee ordered reported S. 3295, to authorize extension of the period of daylight-saving time in D. C. until October. p. D662
7. TRADE FAIRS. The Foreign Affairs Committee ordered reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S. World Trade Fair of 1957. p. D663
8. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public (H. Rept. 2410). p. 9720
9. FOREIGN AID. Rep. Johansen criticized the continuation of foreign aid and urged a reappraisal of the entire foreign aid program. p. 9717
10. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Rep. McCormack announced the following schedule for the week of June 25: Mon., D. C. bills; the balance of the week, the veterans' compensation increase bill, the Federal aid school construction bill, the conference reports on the public works appropriation bill, the road bill, and the Labor-HEW appropriation bill. p. 9715
11. ADJOURNED until Mon., June 25. p. 9719

#### SENATE

12. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nominations of David A. Hamil to be REA Administrator, and Glenn A. Boger to be a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board. pp. 9660, 9709
13. APPROPRIATIONS. Began debate on the Defense Department appropriation bill. pp. 9674, 9694, 9697



## ALLOWANCE WITH RESPECT TO EXPENSES OF OBTAINING NOTARY COMMISSIONS

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JUNE 21, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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Mr. KILGORE, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1542]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1542) to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### STATEMENT

This legislation will provide for the payment of an allowance to any person who is required to serve as a notary public in connection with the performance of official duties for the Federal Government or the municipal government of the District of Columbia. This allowance will not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining a notarial commission. It will be granted only in the case of a commission obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government. Such commissions are obtained for the convenience of the Government rather than that of the employees concerned. Under such circumstances, the employee who is required to expend his own funds to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

The favorable reports of the Bureau of the Budget, the Department of the Treasury, the United States Civil Service Commission, and the government of the District of Columbia follow:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, D. C., April 4, 1956.

Hon. TOM MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request of March 23, 1956, for the views of this Bureau concerning S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

The bill would authorize departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the metropolitan government of the District of Columbia to pay, from personal service or general administrative expense funds, an allowance to each civilian officer and employee who is required in the performance of his official business to serve as a notary public. Such allowance is not to exceed the expense required to obtain a commission as notary public from and after January 1, 1955.

The Bureau of the Budget believes that when an officer or employee is required to serve as a notary public in the performance of his official duties, the necessary expense of obtaining the commission as a notary public should be borne by the Government, and, accordingly, endorses the objective of the bill.

Sincerely yours,

PERCY RAPPAPORT,  
*Assistant Director.*

APRIL 6, 1956.

Hon. TOM MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1956, requesting a statement of this Department's views on S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

The proposed legislation would provide that civilian officers and employees of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia who are required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business shall be paid an allowance not to exceed the cost of their commission.

This Department would have no objection to the enactment of the proposed legislation.

The Department has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Very truly yours,

W. RANDOLPH BURGESS,  
*Acting Secretary of the Treasury.*

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,  
Washington, D. C., April 3, 1956.

Hon. TOM MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. MURRAY: This is in reply to your letter of March 23, 1956, which requested the Commission's views on S. 1542, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

S. 1542 would require the payment of an allowance to persons required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business. This allowance would not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the employee in obtaining his commission. The Commission agrees with the purposes of S. 1542. The notarial commissions are obtained for the purpose of facilitating the operations of the Government and are for its convenience rather than that of the employee. Under such circumstances, Federal employees who are required to expend their own money to fulfill the requirements of becoming a notary public should be compensated for the cost involved.

Therefore, the Commission favors the enactment of S. 1542.

We are advised that the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

By direction of the Commission:

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP YOUNG, *Chairman.*

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
Washington, D. C., April 5, 1956.

Hon. TOM MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. MURRAY: Further reply is made to your letter of March 23, 1956, requesting that you be furnished a report, in triplicate, on S. 1542.

I am enclosing three copies of the report of the Commissioners, addressed to the Honorable Olin D. Johnston, on November 15, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. THORNETT,  
*Secretary, Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia.*

NOVEMBER 15, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR JOHNSON: The Commissioners have for report S. 1542, 84th Congress, a bill to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

At the present time, the government of the District of Columbia numbers among its employees approximately 115 persons who hold commissions as notaries public. Of these, 97 perform their notarial duties solely in connection with the performance of official business of the government of the District of Columbia. These 97, like Federal

Government employees whose notarial duties are confined to official business, are excused from the payment of the \$10 license fee for their commission, but they nevertheless are required to give bond, the premium for which is \$6, and to purchase their own notarial seal at a cost of approximately \$6.

The Commissioners recommend that S. 1542, which presently relates only to the officers and employees of the Federal Government, be amended in such manner as to be applicable to the officers and employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia.

Accordingly, the Commissioners recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, lines 4 and 11, strike "Government" and insert in lieu thereof "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

In line 11, page 1, strike "Government" and insert in lieu thereof "Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia".

The Commissioners have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection on the part of that office to submission of this report to the Congress.

Yours very sincerely,

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*President, Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia.*





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2D SESSION

# S. 1542

[Report No. 2410]

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5       government of the District of Columbia who are required  
6       to serve as notaries public in connection with the perform-  
7       ance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be  
8       established by the department or establishment concerned  
9       not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them  
10      in order to obtain their commission from and after  
11      January 1, 1955.

1        SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and estab-  
2        lishments of the Federal Government and the municipal  
3        government of the District of Columbia for personal services  
4        or general administrative expenses shall be available to  
5        carry out the purposes of this Act.

6        SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public  
7        Expense Act of 1955".

Passed the Senate March 19, 1956.

Attest:

FELTON M. JOHNSTON,

*Secretary.*



84TH CONGRESS  
2d Session

**S. 1542**

[Report No. 2410]

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AM ACT

Received of the Hon. Secy of the Interior

the sum of \$100.00

for the purchase of land for the purpose of

the establishment of a National Monument

in the State of California

and for the purchase of land for the purpose of

the establishment of a National Monument

in the State of California

and for the purchase of land for the purpose of



July 2, 1956

SURPLUS COMMODITIES.

16. S. 3903, to increase the amount under title 1 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, was made the unfinished business. pp. 10440, 10485
17. CCC BORROWING POWER. Sen. Ellender urged prompt consideration of S. 3820, to increase the borrowing power of CCC. p. 10440

HOUSE

18. RECLAMATION. Conferees were appointed on S. 1622, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make payment for certain improvements located on public lands in the Rapid Valley unit, S. Dak., of the Missouri River Basin project. Senate conferees were appointed on June 29. p. 10499
19. WATERSHEDS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days. p. 10515
20. PENALTY MAIL. Passed as reported S. 1871, to extend the penalty mail Act to Extension Directors and Experiment Stations. p. 10509
21. POSTAL RATES. Agreed to a resolution providing for the consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates and to establish a congressional policy for the determination of postal rates. p. 10546
22. FOREIGN AID. Conferees were appointed on H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill. Senate conferees were appointed June 29. p. 10533
23. LAND TRANSFERS. Passed as reported H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to Corbin, Ky. p. 10514  
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska (H. Rept. 2571). p. 10561  
The Forests Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11895, to authorize the interchange of lands between the USDA and the military departments of the Defense Department. p. D726
24. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Union County, Ga. for lands within the Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga. p. 10514  
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 2517, to release certain Tongass National Forest receipts from escrow (H. Rept. 2568). p. 10561
25. MILK. Passed without amendment H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children whether or not underprivileged. p. 10515
26. SEED. Passed without amendment S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10516
27. COMMODITY EXCHANGES. Passed as reported H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases. p. 10516
28. TRANSPORTATION. At the request of Rep. Ford, after some discussion, passed over S. 898, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, with respect to the authority of

the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the use by motor carriers (under leases, contracts, or other arrangements) of motor vehicles not owned by them, in the furnishing of transportation of property. p. 10512

29. CONTRACTS. The Ways and Means Committee reported on June 30 with amendment H.R. 11947, to extend and amend the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (H. Rept. 2549). p. 10560
30. SOIL CONSERVATION. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959 (H. Rept. 2570). p. 10561
31. PERSONNEL. Passed without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10508  
At the request of Rep. Gross, passed over S. 1815, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions. p. 10515  
Passed without amendment H. R. 11923, to provide for the conferring of an award to be known as the Medal for Distinguished Civilian Achievement. p. 10519  
The Executive and Legislative Reorganization Subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11515, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation costs of persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the U. S. and Alaska. p. D726
32. RECORDS. At the request of Rep. Cunningham, passed over S. 2364, to clarify GSA authority over records management. p. 10499
33. WATER PLANTS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11636, to amend Chapter 3 of Title 18, U. S. Code, to provide penalties for the transportation, sale of, or advertising for sale, in interstate commerce, of water hyacinth plants, water chestnut plants, or alligator grass. p. 10505
34. BUILDINGS. Passed without amendment S. 3866, to facilitate the making of lease-purchase agreements by GSA by deleting the requirement for approval of purchase contract agreements by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and adding a requirement that the project statement by the Director shall be based on budgetary and related considerations, and not deemed to constitute approval of specific terms or provisions of any proposed agreement or of the selection of any particular contractor or lessor. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510.
35. WEATHER. Passed without amendment S. 2913, to extend for two years (until June 30, 1958) the Advisory Committee on Weather Control. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510
36. RESEARCH; ORGANIZATION. Passed without amendment H. R. 11575, to provide for an Assistant Secretary for Research and Development for each of the three military departments within the Defense Department. p. 10524
37. FLOOD CONTROL. Passed with amendment S. 3272, to increase and make certain revisions in the general authorization for small flood control projects. A similar bill, H. R. 9555, was laid on the table. p. 10529



The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AMENDING THE ARMED FORCES LEAVE ACT OF 1946

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 9246) to amend the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 by authorizing payments to survivors of former members for unused leave credit.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the last sentence of section 4 (c) of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as added by section 1 of the act of August 4, 1947 (37 U. S. C. 33), is amended to read as follows: "Settlement and compensation in accordance with this subsection shall, in the case of a member or former member of the Armed Forces who dies after discharge and without having received that compensation, be made to the survivors of that member or former member in the order set forth in section (6) (b) of this act."

With the following committee amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following: "That the last sentence of section 4 (c) of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as added by section 1 of the act of August 4, 1947 (37 U. S. C. 33 (c)), is amended to read as follows: 'Settlement and compensation in accordance with this subsection shall, in the case of a member or former member of the Armed Forces who dies after retirement or discharge and without having received that compensation, be made to the survivors of that member or former member in the manner prescribed in section 6 (b) of this act.'

"SEC. 2. This act takes effect August 9, 1946. No settlement and compensation may be made under this act in the case of a member or former member who died before the date of enactment of this act unless application is made to the Secretary concerned within 2 years after the date of enactment of this act.

"SEC. 3. Any settlement and compensation made under this act shall be made from current applicable appropriations."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE NAVAL SERVICE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 6892) to amend the provisions of the revised statutes, relating to physical examinations preliminary to promotion of officers of the naval service.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 1493 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1493. No officer of the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps may be promoted to a grade above that of ensign in the Navy or second lieutenant in the Marine Corps until he has qualified therefor by such physical examination as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe. No officer shall be excluded from a promotion to which he would otherwise be regularly entitled if in his case the medical examiners shall report that

his physical disqualification was by reason of wounds received in the line of duty and that such wounds do not incapacitate him for the performance of useful service in the higher grade."

SEC. 2. The following laws and parts of laws are repealed:

(1) Section 1494 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 272):

(2) The last sentence of the tenth paragraph under the heading "Marine Corps" of the act of August 29, 1916 (ch. 417, 39 Stat. 611; 34 U. S. C. 666); and

(3) Section 9 of the act of May 29, 1934 (ch. 367, 48 Stat. 812; 34 U. S. C. 665).

With the following committee amendment:

Page 2, line 1, strike out "the medical examiners shall report" and insert "the Secretary of the Navy or the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery when authorized by the Secretary of the Navy determines."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### TOWN OF BALD KNOB, ARK.

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10075) to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the United States to the town of Bald Knob, Ark.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to convey to the town of Bald Knob, White County, Ark., upon payment by such town of consideration in the amount of \$1, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain real property in such town of Bald Knob, White County, Ark., more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in the town of Bald Knob, county of White, State of Arkansas; beginning at a point in the northwesterly side of a 16-foot public alley; said point being the southerly corner of lot 3 and the easterly corner of lot 4, block 11, original town of Bald Knob, White County, Arkansas; said point also being a corner of land now or formerly of Mrs. Lally C. Morris and Mrs. Leanna C. Chrisp; running thence in a southwestwardly direction along the northwesterly side of said 16-foot public alley and the southeasterly side of said lot 4, a distance of 36 feet to a point in land now or formerly of Mrs. Lally C. Morris and Mrs. Leanna C. Chrisp; thence in a northwestwardly direction along said land of Mrs. Lally C. Morris and Mrs. Leanna C. Chrisp a distance of 30 feet to a point in other land of said Mrs. Lally C. Morris and Mrs. Leanna C. Chrisp; thence in a northeastwardly direction along said other land of Mrs. Lally C. Morris and Mrs. Leanna C. Chrisp, a distance of 36 feet to a point in the southwestwardly boundary of lot 3, block 11; thence in a southeastwardly direction along the southwestwardly boundary of said lot 3, a distance of 30 feet to the point or place of beginning.

With the following committee amendment:

Page 1, line 8, after "Arkansas," strike out the remainder of the act and insert in lieu thereof the following: "being that part of lot 4, block 11, conveyed by the town of Bald Knob, Ark., to the United States on February 23, 1953, as part of a proposed post-office site, a more particular description of which shall be provided in the deed of conveyance by the Administrator of General Services."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLA.

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10383) to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the United States to the city of Vero Beach, Fla.

Mr. BRAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

#### COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEX.

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10479) to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey certain land to the county of Galveston, Tex.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to convey without consideration by quitclaim deed a certain parcel of surplus realty, described hereinafter, to the county of Galveston, Tex.

SEC. 2. The land referred to in section 1 is a strip of land one hundred feet in width, extending across the entire southerly boundary of old Fort Crockett Military Reservation, beginning from the centerline of Thirty-ninth Street, and extending westerly to the easterly line of Fifty-third Street, city of Galveston, Tex. Width of said strip is measured northerly from the northerly edge of the concrete seawall. A more particular description of the realty conveyed herein shall be made in the deed of conveyance by the Administrator of General Services.

SEC. 3. If at any time within the twenty years following the conveyance herein the realty so conveyed is no longer used for public road purposes, title to such realty, together with all improvements thereon, shall revert to the United States of America.

With the following committee amendments:

Page 1, line 5, strike out "surplus" and insert "Government."

Line 6, after "Texas", insert "for public road purposes."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### TOWN OF CASTINE, MAINE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11520) to provide for the transfer of certain property situated in the State of Maine to the town of Castine, Maine.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed, without consideration, to the town of Castine, Maine for public-park purposes, all right, title, and interest of the United States in, and to that portion of the property known as the Dice Head Lighthouse Reservation,



Maine, consisting of the light tower and the plot of land surrounding such tower one hundred feet square (together with any right of ingress and egress thereto), which was excepted from the conveyance transferring a part of such reservation to the town of Castine, Maine, authorized by section 5 of the act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to dispose of certain lighthouse reservations, and for other purposes", approved May 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 305), such property having been transferred to the Administrator of General Services for disposition as surplus property. The exact legal description of the property authorized to be conveyed under this act shall be determined by the said Administrator.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized by this act shall be subject to the conditions (1) that in the event the property conveyed pursuant to this act ceases to be used for public-park purposes, all right, title, and interest so conveyed shall revert to the United States in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the act referred to in the first section of this act, and (2) that the United States reserves the right to resume ownership, possession, and control, for Government purposes, of any of such property so conveyed, at any time and without the consent of the grantee.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ST. MARYS RIVER, MICH. SOUTH CANAL

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2210) to modify the project for the St. Marys River, Mich., South Canal, in order to repeal the authorization for the alteration of the International Bridge as part of such project, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to accomplish such alteration.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the project for the St. Marys River, Mich., South Canal, as approved by the act of March 2, 1945 (59 Stat. 10), is modified by repealing the authorization for the alteration as part of such project of the International Bridge owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Co.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to accomplish the alteration of the bridge referred to in the first section of this act under such an agreement as he may arrive at with the owners of such bridge. The costs of any such alteration shall be apportioned between the United States and such bridge owners in accordance with section 6 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the alteration of certain bridges over navigable waters of the United States, for the apportionment of the cost of such alterations between the United States and the owners of such bridges, and for other purposes," approved June 21, 1940 (54 Stat. 497).

SEC. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ALLOWANCE WITH RESPECT TO OBTAINING NOTARY COMMISSIONS

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1542) to authorize an allowance for civilian offi-

cers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia who are required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be established by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia for personal services or general administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. This act may be cited as the "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL COUNSEL FOR POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10523) to conform the appointment and compensation of the chief legal officer of the Post Office Department to the method of appointment and rate of compensation provided for comparable positions, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the provisions of law establishing the position of the chief legal officer of the Post Office Department (codified as section 364 of title 5, United States Code) are amended to read as follows: "There shall be in the Post Office Department a General Counsel, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall have basic compensation at the rate per annum provided for Assistant Postmasters General, and shall rank equally with the Assistant Postmasters General."

With the following committee amendment:

At the end of the bill insert the following:

"SEC. 2. The incumbent in the office of Solicitor for the Post Office Department immediately prior to the time the amendment made by the first section of this act becomes effective shall serve as General Counsel for such Department and shall receive compensation at the rate provided for such office of General Counsel, pending appointment and confirmation of a General Counsel under the amendment made by the first section of this act."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CITY OF ELKINS, W. VA.

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2182) for the relief of the city of Elkins, W. Va.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

#### CONTRACT POSTAL STATIONS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 4928) relating to contracts for the conduct of contract postal stations.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 15 of the act entitled "An act to amend the act approved June 25, 1910, authorizing the postal savings system, and for other purposes," approved May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. 163; 39 U. S. C. 161), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Postmaster General may enter into contracts for the conduct of contract stations, on such terms as he deems to be in the best interests of the United States."

With the following committee amendment:

Page 1, strike out lines 8, 9, and 10, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 15. The Postmaster General may enter into contracts for the conduct of contract stations for a term not exceeding 3 years. Any such contract may be renewed by the Postmaster General, at the same or a lower contract price, for additional terms not exceeding 3 years each unless (1) the Postmaster General finds that such renewal is not in the interest of the United States or (2) not later than 90 days before the end of any contract term the Post Office Department receives a request in writing that the contract be opened for competitive bidding at the end of such term. Upon any such finding by the Postmaster General, or upon receipt of any such request, the Postmaster General shall terminate the contract, with respect to which such finding has been made or such request has been received, at the end of the current term and shall advertise for bids thereon in accordance with existing laws relating to the advertising of public contracts and the award thereof on the basis of competitive bidding."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### COPYRIGHT FEES

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10263) to amend title 17, United States Code, entitled "Copyrights" with respect to certain fees.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 6 of title 17, United States Code, is hereby amended by striking out "\$6" and substituting in lieu thereof "\$4."

SEC. 2. The second paragraph of section 215 of title 17, United States Code, is hereby amended by striking out "except a print or label used for articles of merchandise, \$4; for the registration of a claim to copyright in a print or label used for articles of merchandise, \$6; which fees" and substituting in lieu thereof "\$4; which fee."

SEC. 3. The third paragraph of section 215 of title 17, United States Code, is hereby amended by striking out "\$2" and substituting in lieu thereof "\$4."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.







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AN ACT

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia who are required to serve as notaries public in connection with the performance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be established by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

Notaries Public  
Expense Act of  
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SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia for personal services or general administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955".

Approved July 11, 1956.

